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THE appointment of the Harbour Committee for a period of one year will be made by the Council on the 9th November next.

The constitution of such committee provides for the appointment thereto of six non-members of the Council. Such non-members shall be elected from traders, shipowners, fishermen, and other persons nominated by organisations and bodies interested in the Harbour.

Nominations must reach the undersigned in writing not later than the 25th October, 1943.

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BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

Appointment of Education Committee

THE scheme made by the Town Council under the provisions of the Education Act, 1902, provides that, in addition to the Council, five persons (one at least of whom but not more than two shall be women) shall be appointed as members of the Education Committee from persons of experience in education acquainted with the needs of the various types of schools in the borough.

The appointment of members of the Education Committee for the period of one year will be made by the Council on the 9th November, 1943, after consideration by them of any nomination made by any person or body of persons acting in a representative capacity either within or without the Borough.

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FOR AND AGAINST CONTROLS

A REPLY TO CAPT. BALFOUR

What measure of control of industry and of our lives will be necessary after the war?

A number of statements have been made recently by Government ministers and others as to the continuance or discontinuance of war-time controls, and Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, expressed his views on the subject at a meeting at Margate on Saturday.

Capt. Balfour's statement has called forth a reply from Alderman G. W. Twigger, of Ramsgate.

The subject is one of considerable importance to everyone and we therefore present the two statements side by side:

By Capt. Balfour.

LITTLE STATE STOOGES

SUPER-CONTROLLERS ATTACKED

Week after week, said Capt. Balfour, the public was addressed, lectured, exhorted, warned, advised and directed by many speakers, including Ministers, on the need to accept continued control of life and property after the war.

Some of these speakers waged their own campaigns with the object of laying the foundations now for their particular brand of post-war planned and controlled State. Endless control was dangled as the carrot to cure all evils at all times. The claims for the merits of control were pitched so fantastically high that it was about time some spoke out against the idea that control in itself was a good thing. The truth was that controls were needed where scarcity existed. Scarcity was an enemy and they destroyed it by a counter measure which in itself was an enemy of freedom.

"These super controllers with their extreme views are doing a dis-service to the community because the lugubrious picture they paint of a nation trussed up tight in stays of State control causes a natural revulsion from acceptance of that degree of continued control which commonsense folk appreciate will be necessary for some indefinite time after the war," said Capt. Balfour.

Test Questions.

"Let each of us put two test questions on our approach to this issue of post-war control. Firstly, do you seek after the largest amount of control you can manage to retain? Or do you look for how little control you can manage with? Secondly, do you like control because it fits into your particular theories of the ordered State where everyone shall do as they are told and a corrective Governmental bash on the head shall be administered to anyone, who is so anti-social as to achieve individual unlicensed and unplanned success? Or do you accept the need for continued controls in order to feed and clothe fellow humans in war-ravaged countries and in order to translate from war to peace our economic life in a way of fair share for all and to restore our internal and export trades without the dangers of uncontrolled inflation.

"We have many in our midst who with honest answers would admit a wish to impose wide State control as a feature of our national life for all time as a means of attaining their particular political objectives.

"It is they who hold a passionate belief that at all times every form of State ownership and control is better than any form of private enterprise."

State Ownership.

The broad conception of the State thrusting outwards the constantly broadening boundaries of rising social standards; of decent and secure life, but within which boundaries individual enterprise, competition and reward should find their reasonable and right place did not appeal to those full-blooded advocates of the ordered socialist State.

They saw before them the dawn of a glorious vision of State ownership of all and sundry; State control, State direction, form filling, statistics, regimentation of work and leisure by innumerable government departments and, of course, as a necessary corollary, the extinction of the "little man" and the small business as being inefficient and unwanted in such a perfect ordered society. The desire for individual enterprise and ownership, however small or great, was to be relegated to that class of things "not quite nice."

"Their ultimate ideal for this ordered State," said Capt. Balfour, "would be the raising of 'utility families' in accordance with State guidance; the children, as soon as possible, being enrolled into the ever-swelling ranks of a new race of 'little State stooges' trained to serve and look only to the State for all sustenance, security and benefit right from their days of the State creche to the evening of life 'directed' to be spent in some bare-walled, but beautifully sanitary institution run, of course, under a State medical service.

"Slight Exaggeration."

"If the picture I have drawn is accused of being a slight exaggeration or distortion, it is no further from the truth than those other portraits freely spread around in speech and writing of all employers and business men as a gang of frock-coated, top hatted, overpaunched, hard faced unscrupulous ruffians.

"Thank goodness I am certain that our citizens will not fall for this fully ordered and planned State to be achieved by the indefinite continuance and indeed intensification of all our war-time controls for I do not believe all the acts, orders, regulations and directions that may flow from every government department will crush down the determination of the ordinary man and woman to enjoy his or her liberty in the way he or she likes and to order their lives in the ways they choose, giving full play to man's individual determination to succeed and to draw reasonable rewards for himself and for his family due to the success of his own efforts," concluded Capt. Balfour.

By Alderman Twigger

GROSS MIS-STATEMENT

BUILDING UP FALSE HOPES

I listened with amazement to the Conservative Member for Thanet take advantage of a meeting called by the Chambers of Commerce and the local authorities, to utter a prepared statement which obviously had for its object the furtherance of his position as representative for Thanet and to denounce controls.

I am surprised that a man of Capt. Balfour's standing and undoubted ability should have allowed himself to be carried away, in order to try and appease a few of his constituents, to make such fantastic and gross mis-statements which he himself admitted to the meeting were exaggerations.

I would like to know what party and which competent statesman in this country has advocated that control should be withdrawn or continued indefinitely. All reported statements I have read or listened to, including Balfour's, agree that control will have to be maintained, even when peace comes, in order to meet the shortage of food, material and labour.

No one will deny that controls have saved the working people from want and long queues. The weekly wage-earners and the aged and infirm have been saved by the control of supply and prices. It is fair to assume, had these controls not been imposed, the Haves would have had and the Have-Nots would not.

Towns In Pawn.

Balfour would not agree (say) that the control of building should be taken away at once, for if so how could this badly-hit area ever rehabilitate itself against those areas which have made money out of the war and anxious to use it to make itself free from competition from areas like Thanet. While all our towns are in pawn, and many of the traders in the same position, how can they hope to have a chance to recoup if control is withdrawn?

Balfour knows this to be true, and therefore he is only trying to deceive and build up false hopes which will destroy him.

Will he deny that if it had not been for the control of milk thousands of young children, if they had not died, would have grown up rickety and weaklings, and grade 3 citizens?

What party and which individual in that party has ever stated that the "little man" should be crushed? Whoever has talked of putting the little man out of business, except the big combines, the chain stores, the large-scale contractor and the cartels? Such a statement may appeal to a narrow-minded few, but the vast majority, the thinking men and women, will put it down as a political stunt, unworthy of the high office which Balfour holds.

Mr. Balfour, you have not enhanced your reputation as a statesman by this reference.

The Owning Few.

On the other hand, is it that you are still in the 1939 days, when every movement of the masses was controlled by the industrialist and individualist outlook?

Is it not true that the size of the joint, the quality of food, of education and training, the homes of the people were controlled by the wages paid, which were fixed by the owning few? Is it not true that the number of visitors coming to the Thanet towns was controlled by the ability to pay for a desired and deserved holiday? And is it not also true that when it was seen that the masses were taking

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EVACUEE DEADLOCK

THE POSITION AT CARMARTHEN

The matter of the billeting of the boys of the Sir Roger Manwood Secondary School went through last week without any progress being made towards ending the deadlock. About 30 pupils were housed in a hostel at Carmarthen.

During the week a new chief billeting officer was appointed.

The Carmarthen Town Council, acting as the evacuation committee, conferred with officials of the Welsh Board of Health and stress was laid on the importance and urgency of the Council continuing its efforts to carry out the directions of the Ministry of Health that all the boys should be billeted in Carmarthen.

On the other hand it was pointed out that there was great difficulty in billeting in the town all the boys, including those hitherto housed at Pibwrlwyd.

The result was that the evacuation committee decided to make another canvass of the town, and that the billeting officer should interview once again those householders who had refused to take in the boys. It was stated that in face of continued refusal the local authority would have no option but to prosecute any delinquents.

And so the skirmish goes on. The people concerned are certainly remaining very defiant in their attitude but the arm of authority looks like prevailing in the end. It is a regrettable happening, but the satisfactory feature is that the boys are the least concerned over the trouble.

JUDGE SERVES EGGS AND CHIPS

WAITED ON THANET SOLDIERS

British servicemen in India were recently served with meals of eggs and chips by a High Court judge. Among them were two Kent men, Pte. L. Gander, of Avenue-road, Ramsgate, and L/Cpl. A. G. Baker, of Orchard-road, Westbrook, Margate.

The story opens in a town in Central India, when the High Court was rising for the summer recess. The judge was perplexed. He had two months' vacation, and he could not make up his mind how to spend it.

There were the cool hills—fair Kashmir—Darjeeling with views of Everest's eternal snows—they were attractive thoughts to the judge sweating in his court-house.

But two months was a long time to idle away when in all parts of the world men and women were fighting and working for victory. The judge gave up the idea of a holiday—ruled it right out of court.

Instead he went to a canteen and leave home for troops, and here he set to work. In a pair of shorts and a shirt he served soldiers with cups of tea, eggs and chips and salads made of delicious tropical fruits.

At first he was a little slow, for no matter how learned a judge may be, only practice can teach him how to fry an egg. At the end of two months he returned to his court-house. Not one of the many service friends he made guessed his identity.

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a holiday it inspired a desire to try to reduce costs, and the wage standards were again lowered?

Our Member, after he had got his set speech off his chest, stated there would have to be some measure of control after the war, for labour and material would be in short supply. There may be revolutions in the countries liberated and we should require the British armies to maintain law and order.

If Capt. Balfour represents the view of the Government, which I very much doubt, and if the policy is to be based on the exaggerations made by him, revealing as it does a complete misunderstanding of minds, intelligence and wishes of the people, I am afraid someone will have to send an army here to maintain law and order, for I am sure the lads who have so nobly given all they had will not stand for the type of control operated in 1939.

Damper on Enthusiasm.

He does the war effort harm by such utterances, he damps the enthusiasm of those who sweat and shed blood and tears to make a brave new world. I am confident the people of Thanet will not be misled and will place their own value on such an outburst.

Is this a sign that the people of this country, through their sacrifice, have now made it possible to visualise the peace, and those who imposed the controls when they thought their own interests were in danger, are now coming out of their dug-outs and demanding the freedom once again to exercise their own right of control?

If this propaganda is allowed to pass unchallenged, then there will be no brave new world. There will be no rehabilitation and no visitors to cater for.

Let Capt. Balfoor use his influence towards establishing Thanet, in the replanning of Britain and the dispersal of industry, let him use his endeavour to bring staple industries to the hinterland of Thanet, where there will be scope for all the three towns to benefit. If the opportunity is lost now, it may not occur for generations to come.

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SHORT OF POCKET MONEY

RAMSGATE GIRL'S THEFT FROM EMPLOYERS

An 18-year-old Ramsgate girl who reported to the police that she had lost a tin box containing about £20, the property of her employers, appeared before the magistrates at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

The girl, Doris Florence Latter, of Leopold-street, Ramsgate, pleaded guilty to stealing, between April and September, the sum of £21 0s. 5½d., the property of the K Laundry Co. Ltd.

Inspr. Hann said defendant was employed by the laundry company, being in charge of their collecting office at High-street, Broadstairs. On 27th September she called at the police station and reported the loss of a tin box, explaining that she had either left it in the bus shelter at the Broadway, Broadstairs, or on a bus in which she went from Broadstairs to Ramsgate.

Ulterior Motive.

Not being satisfied, D/C Self made inquiries about the girl's movements, continued the inspector, and as a result he felt convinced that the loss of the tin had been suggested for some ulterior motive. The next day he saw defendant at the office where she worked, and after she had said she had not found the box he asked her to account for her movements from the time she left the office the previous day. He was far from satisfied with her statement and told her he would like to go through the firm's accounts at the office. She then broke down and said "I may as well tell you. I took the money." She then said the tin was at her home, but when the officer suggested that they should go to collect it she said she had hidden it near West Dumpton-lane and that it contained between £8 and £9. The girl's mother then came into the office and they all went to West Dumpton-lane, where the box was found hidden behind a brick wall. It contained £9 7s. 0½d.

Taken to the police station, defendant made a statement in which she said "The girls I used to go out with always had money and I never. When we used to go out they used to pay and I tried to be like them. I could not do it on my pocket money, which, after I had paid mother and my club, was about 7s. weekly." She went on to say that she started taking money from the shop in June and never took more than a few shillings at a time.

Week's Takings Short.

The statement continued: "There was always one week's takings in hand at the shop, and those, with the daily takings, I used to take home each night and bring them to the shop in the morning. By taking these small amounts it gradually got so that I was one week's takings short. Yesterday I realised that I had to pay in more money than I had, so I made out I had lost about £20 in a tin, either in a bus shelter or on a bus. I caught the 5 p.m. bus from Broadstairs to Ramsgate and got off at Boundary-road. I walked back to West Dumpton-lane, where I hid the tin containing about £10 in notes and silver. I am very sorry for what I have done."

Inspr. Hann said enquiries showed that there was always a week's takings at the shop. The manager found that up to the week ending 25th September there was a deficiency of £21 0s. 5½d. In view of the fact that £9 7s. 0½d. was found in the box the actual amount taken by defendant was £11 13s. 5d. Her family had decided to make full restitution, and her mother had come to court with that amount.

A Good Girl.

In reply to the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan), defendant said she had been in charge of the Broadstairs office since May and received £2 a week. She gave her mother £1 a week, and after paying for clothes, clubs and bus fares to Broadstairs every day she only had 7s. left for pocket money.

Mrs. Latter, mother of the girl, said she had never been any trouble. "There is no better girl living," she added, and expressed the view that the trouble was due to the company she kept.

Mr. D. Morrogh, managing director of the laundry company, said defendant had been very satisfactory and was placed in charge of the Broadstairs office partly owing to the shortage of staff.

The bench bound defendant over for two years under the care of the Probation Officer (Miss Robinson).

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A fine of £5 was imposed by Margate magistrates last week on William Taylor, a corporal in the Royal Corps of Signals, who was charged with breaking and entering 5 Cuthbert-terrace, Westgate, and stealing a towel, two necklaces, a serviette, silver bracelet and marocain bag, valued £3 5s., the property of Florence Brown.

Mr. T. T. Cropper, for the prosecution, stated that the charge had been amended to receiving while knowing the property to be stolen.

Mrs. Florence Brown, now living at Connington, near Bridgewater, said she left 5 Cuthbert-terrace in June, 1940. Everything in connection with her boarding house business was left there. On 25th September, after a communication from the police, she visited the house and found terrible disorder. The linen cupboard on the top floor was forced open and goods valued at £3 5s. taken.

Miss Jean McLaren, manageress of the K Laundry, Ramsgate, said her firm did the washing of a number of military units in the area, including Westgate. The towel produced in court had not been to the laundry because it did not bear any of their marks.

D/S Presland said that on 21st September he found 5 Cuthbert-terrace was open and had been ransacked from top to bottom. Two days later he saw accused at his billet and found the bag and jewellery in his valise. On the wall was hanging a towel, marked "Brown," which accused admitted using, and in a wardrobe he found a serviette. Accused explained that he found the bag and jewellery in the garden of a house two doors from his billet. The towel, he said, came back with his laundry the previous week and the serviette was in the room when he arrived back on 6th September.

Inspr. H. B. Fleet said accused was a native of Liverpool and during his 12 years in the Army had nothing to his detriment. His conduct sheet was completely clear and his C.O. always found him a good soldier and N.C.O.

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At the Cinemas

AIR FORCE

JOHN GARFIELD AT KING'S

Claimed as the biggest air sensation ever filmed, "Air Force," featuring John Garfield and Gig Young, heads the bill at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

The film is based on the actual experiences of a Boeing-17 bomber, whose odyssey started when the Japanese were bombing Pearl Harbour and finished 7,000 miles away in the surf of an Australian beach. The climax is the most spectacular naval battle ever reproduced on the screen. The Battle of the Coral Seas comes as a titanic combat between the air strength of the United Nations and the Japanese invasion fleet heading south to Australia. Flying Fortresses and dive-bombers spread havoc among the battleships and transports. Great aircraft-carriers heel over and sink, leaving thousands struggling in the ocean.

The most mirthful murder mystery to reach the screen in recent years, "A Night to Remember" is the chief feature for the latter part of the week. It is a gay story of a young married couple who moved into Greenwich village in search of "atmosphere" and instead found a corpse and an assorted collection of peculiar characters. Loretta Young and Brian Aherne are brilliantly at home in sophisticated wise-cracking roles. Also being shown is "Blackie Goes Hollywood," with Chester Morris and Constance Worth.

MAN IN GREY

GEORGE RAFT AT ODEON

Two outstanding dramas, one historical and the other a gripping story of espionage, head the programmes at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

The story of "The Man in Grey," which is being screened to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow, is based on the famous novel of the same name by Lady Eleanor Smith. It is laid in the colourful days when the Prince Regent, later George IV, led society with the beautiful Mrs. Fitzherbert at his side. The chief characters in the tale are played by James Mason, Margaret Lockwood, Phyllis Calvert and Raymond Lovell. "The McGuerins from Brooklyn," starring William Bendix, is also being shown.

On board the Bagdad-Istanbul express a hunted girl passes an envelope to a mysterious stranger to be returned to her in Ankara . . . he goes to complete the mission and finds the girls lying murdered in her room . . . police suspect him of the crime. Sounds like the opening of an exciting spy story, doesn't it? And, in fact, it is. In "Background to Danger," the chief attraction for the last three days of the week, George Raft and Brenda Marshall are co-starred in an up-to-date story centring round the activities of agents of various countries trying to outwit each other in Turkey. Sydney Greenstreet has a sinister role and Peter Lorre and Osa Massen are also in the cast. Comedy relief is provided by the supporting film, "Henry Swings It," featuring Jimmy Lydon.

CAPTAIN BLOOD

ERROL FLYNN AT PICTURE HOUSE

Easily the greatest pirate film ever screened, "Captain Blood" is the thrilling attraction at Ramsgate Picture House to-day and to-morrow.

Errol Flynn has the title role in this action-filled film which begins in the days of the Monmouth rebellion and the notorious Judge Jeffreys. Sentenced to slavery in the West Indies for his part in the rebellion, Capt. Blood arrives in Jamaica and is bought for £10 by the niece of a cruel plantation owner (Olivia de Havilland). Blood, with other friends, manages to escape, and they experience exciting adventures on the Spanish Main.

After this gripping story of swashbuckling days, the programme changes on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to events of the present times. "Mission to Moscow" proves that truth is stranger than fiction and presents a large cast featuring Walter Huston and Ann Harding in an interesting story of diplomacy in the Russian capital. Dudley Field Malone impersonates Winston Churchill and other leading world statesmen are portrayed in this picture, which opens with the famed League of Nations session centring on Haile Selassie's eloquent plea.

RAMSGATE HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS

The sight of out-patients crowding the corridors and the hall of Ramsgate General Hospital so impressed a local lady last month that she paid a call at the offices of the Extensions Appeal Fund at Augustine-villa.

Drawing out her cheque book she declared that she had too much money in her bank account and proposed to give some away. She then wrote out a cheque for £20, saying that by seeing the crowds of out-patients at the hospital she realised how sorely the extensions were needed.

A boy from Hereson Senior School brought along 10s. 6d. realised by a collection among his pals for a lemon, and another school lad contributed a box of "bun" pennies.

September's donations, amounting to £32 5s. 10d. and making the total to date £11,041 0s. 5d., were as follows: J.A.S. (Ramsgate), £20; Mrs. E. Taylor (Minster, Sheppey), £5; Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crosfield (in memory of Capt. M. C. C. Daniel), £3 3s.; salvage of waste paper, £1 8s.; Miss Marie Thompson (bun pennies), £1 6s. 10d.; Mr. W. G. Simmers (Bude) (in memory of many happy days spent on the cricket ground with E. F. G. Chapman), 10s. 6d.; Frank S. Hawkes (on behalf of Hereson Senior School), 10s. 6d.; Miss E. Martin (Minster) (bun pennies), 5s.; J.A.F., 2s.

MISCELLANEOUS

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TAXING THEIR PATRIOTISM

COUNCIL AND RAILINGS REMOVAL

The controversy between Minster Council and the Ministry of Works concerning the removal of railings continues.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Council it was reported that a letter protesting against the treatment of the railings had been sent to the Ministry.

In their reply the Ministry stated that public notice had been served on people whose railings were to be removed and no appeal had been received from the school authorities. The matter of church railings was to be decided by the Ecclesiastical authorities and the statement that the treatment of railings was ruthless was to be investigated. The letter also informed the Council that forms could be obtained for compensation.

A discussion followed, in which Councillor Canon A. W. MacMichael said the school authorities had not appealed against their railings being removed because no notice was served on them. No one in Minster had had the notices and the majority of people had had to repair their damaged brickwork.

"There seems to have been some misunderstanding between the contractors and the Ministry," said Councillor Father T. A. Keniry, "and this is a perfect example of what happens when higher authorities act without consulting the local authorities, who know more of the existing conditions than anyone else."

Councillor H. V. Vokes declared that although they were patriotic people, "this highhanded sort of action" taxed their patriotism to the limit.

It was decided to send a further letter to the Ministry asking for information about compensation forms and enquiring why no notices had been served and why the railings had been scheduled so indiscriminately.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEA CADET CORPS

Sir,—A few weeks ago it was stated in your journal that because there was now no Sea Cadet Corps in Ramsgate, some keen lads of Ramsgate had to go to Margate for their training, and paid their fares out of their own pockets.

It seems a tragedy that Ramsgate, with its harbour of refuge and its associations with the sea, its famous lifeboat, sailing fishing smacks, etc., has no Sea Cadet Corps in the town, even in these momentous and historical years.

May I venture to suggest to the Mayor, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, that as one of his last deeds before he retires from office it would be a fine gesture if he were to use his well-known influence by asking the Navy League seriously to consider reviving a Sea Cadet Corps in Ramsgate?

The Sea Cadetship is a grand form of youth training, and the value of the movement lies both directly to our immediate war effort at sea and indirectly as an important contribution to our future security and prosperity. Perhaps it will be possible later to develop and maintain a large corps or depot at Ramsgate, with a training ship stationed in the harbour, and so keep the name of Ramsgate to the fore.

A. SIDNEY MARSH.

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DANGERS OF EVACUATION

Sir,—I am glad to support the overdue agitation for the return of the secondary schools.

Most parents realise there still exists an element of danger in the coast areas, but it seems that the children are in greater danger in evacuation areas. I was struck by the general unhealthy appearance of boys returning recently on holiday and noted the vast improvement that was apparent when the time came for them—unhappily—to return to evacuation.

To help with the harvest, boys were brought into the district for more than a month. It is strange that they can work in an area considered dangerous for their education.

I would doubt if the gentleman who said it would be "the height of folly" to bring back the schools has any first-hand knowledge of conditions in evacuation areas. If he has it is difficult to excuse his very foolish remark.

Some of the parents and boys have found fine friends in Stafford, people to whom they will be everlastingly indebted. Nevertheless, in the main the children are not wanted, they are unhappy, and both their education and health are suffering.

The foster-parents are not entirely to blame. Stafford children evacuated to Ramsgate would be likely to suffer to the same extent.

L.W.B.

Sir,—All the correspondence and "Listener's" comments on this topic have stressed the indifference of the Kent Education Committee to the needs of Ramsgate and to the wishes of the parents of the district.

This apparent indifference should be constantly attacked, not only on account of the present need to bring back the secondary schools, but also in order to set a precedent for the future.

It may not be widely realised, but the Government's White Paper on Education sets out a scheme whereby all Ramsgate's education, elementary as well as secondary, will be controlled by Kent. Already it can be seen that Maidstone is showing indifference to the needs of this area, so unless the people are constantly vocal, and constantly urge the Kent Education Committee to act in this case to-day, it bodes ill for the future when Kent will control all our educational facilities.

L. H. TOMBS.

3 Warten-road,
Ramsgate.

Sir,—Although not a parent, I have been interested in the correspondence in your paper regarding the return to Ramsgate, or Thanet, of the secondary schools.

But what has happened to the Parents' Associations? Surely a petition from such bodies would have more influence on the Kent Education Committee than individual letters in the local press.

T. J. FOOT.

Ramsgate.

WHITEHALL INTERFERENCE

RAMSGATE COUNCIL CONTRACTS

"I scent here a spreading of the ripple of bureaucracy," declared Councillor A. R. Young at the monthly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council when the Council had under consideration a recommendation of the Finance Committee concerning Standing Orders.

The report of the committee stated that a letter was submitted from the Ministry of Health suggesting that the Council might consider an addendum to their present Standing Orders having regard to the difficulty of obtaining competitive tenders for supplying goods in present conditions.

The committee recommended that the following addition be made to Standing Orders:

"Notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders numbered 21 adopted by the Council on the 31st October, 1935, it shall not be obligatory on the Council or any committee exercising powers delegated by the Council

"(a) to invite tenders for a contract for the supply of goods or materials in respect of which effective competition is prevented by governmental control; or

"(b) to publish notice of the intention to enter into a contract, where the foregoing paragraph lettered (a) applies; or

"(c) to publish notice of the intention to enter into a contract for the supply of goods or materials where a substantial proportion of the price is likely to be attributable to haulage."

It was further recommended that Standing Orders No. 37 be suspended for the purposes of passing this recommendation.

An Impertinence.

Councillor Young, moving the deletion of the recommendation, pointed out that it was inspired by Whitehall. That Whitehall suggested to local authorities that they should abrogate and emasculate their Standing Orders in this way he regarded as an impertinence. The Council was perfectly capable of deciding in the case of any proposed contract whether the practical differences were such that it was not advisable to invite tenders. They had on many occasions said they would not conform to Standing Orders in regard to certain contracts. Why should they not be left with that power to make a decision?

If the recommendation was adopted, said Councillor Young, the practical effect would be to kill the Contracts Committee. The power over making contracts would pass for all practical purposes from the hands of the Council to the hands of their officials, dominated or influenced by the officials at Whitehall.

Seconding the amendment, Councillor J. B. Butler said the Council's powers were gradually being filched away from them. In circulars from the ministries there was an increasing tendency for the word "may" to be read as the word "shall." Were the Council dissatisfied with the contracts which had been entered into in the past? Apparently not. If that were so, why were they considering an addendum? If they passed the recommendation they would simply be assisting to take away their own powers.

Catching the Market.

Councillor S. E. Austin said the recommendation was really an essential one for they had already been carrying it out in practise in an unofficial manner. The prices of most materials and goods were now controlled by the Government. It was not a question of being able to buy cheaper but to buy as soon as the goods became available. If they had to wait for a committee to give power to purchase, the goods were often gone.

Alderman C. R. Woodhams said it was an emergency measure and would do away with a lot of unnecessary work.

Councillor O. Hughes, a member of the Contracts Committee, said when the occasion demanded they had always given officials executive powers to enter into contracts and he challenged Councillor Austin to quote a single instance of goods being lost because the committee had held up a contract. He saw no reason why the Standing Orders should be amended.

Councillor Dr. D. P. Crawford said they had got on very well so far and he could not understand why the matter had been brought up. Apparently it was just because of a recommendation made by some higher official.

In Legal Form.

Alderman J. J. White, chairman of the Finance Committee, replying to the debate, said the recommendation was merely putting into legal form what they had been doing for the past three years. There were now no alternative prices and the Contracts Committee had already largely been done away with. It was definitely a war-time measure.

On being put to the vote the motion to delete the recommendation was defeated by 11 votes to 9.

Councillor Young then moved the deletion of the recommendation for the suspension of Standing Orders. Even if the majority of the members had seriously considered the matter, which he doubted, there was no reason why they should be rushed into it.

This amendment was carried, the effect of it being that the Council will again consider the recommendation at its next meeting.

SAVING SALVAGE

In reply to a question by Councillor E. Gray, an assurance was given on behalf of the chairman of the Works Committee (Councillor C. R. Woodhams) at the monthly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council that salvage collected from householders, such as bones, paper, metal, etc., is properly sorted, reserved and used for war production and was not, as some people seemed to suspect, dumped in the incinerator.

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WOUNDED IN ACTION

FOUGHT IN TWO WARS

Recalled for service in August, 1939, shortly after completing 24 years' service in the Royal Navy, A/B J. H. Taylor, of Lawn Villa, Lawn-road, Broadstairs, who took part in the landing of the 8th Army in Sicily, has been seriously wounded in action and is lying in a North African hospital.

Earlier he was reported to be dangerously ill with wounds in the head and abdomen, but although still seriously ill he is off the danger list.

A first class ranger, A/B Taylor served in the last war and completed 24 years' service in May, 1939. He was recalled three months later.

A/B Taylor has two sons serving in the R.A.F., Ldg.-Acm. William Taylor received his training in Canada and Ldg.-Acm. Reginald Taylor was a corporal in the Thanet Squadron of the A.T.C. before joining up last September.

BROADSTAIRS

Feast of Dedication.—Services were conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) when the feast of dedication was observed at Broadstairs Parish Church.

Clergyman's Appointment.—Formerly a member and server at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, the Rev. Christopher Leech has been appointed Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bath.

Use of Money.—Q/M/S Lawrence gave a survey of economics and commerce of various countries, especially Russia, when "The use of money" was discussed at a meeting of Broadstairs Discussion Group at the Rectory.

Savings.—Broadstairs and St. Peter's saved £887 during the week ended 2nd October. The sum was made up of savings certificates £205, defence bonds £100 and deposits in the Post Office savings bank £582.

Broadstairs Man's Degree.—Mr. Harold Oswald Minter, son of Mr. K. S. Minter, of 11 Brassey-avenue, Broadstairs, has obtained his degree as Bachelor of Arts. An old boy of Chatham House, Ramsgate, he studied at King's College, London University. Miss Beryl Minter, his sister, an old girl of Clarendon House, Ramsgate, has also passed her examination for the same degree.

Funeral of Mrs. M. E. Sims.—The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith officiated at the funeral at St. Peter's of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sims, of 2 Sowell-street, Broadstairs, who died at the age of 81 years. Chief mourners present were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rose (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. Lake (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. G. Sims (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. D. Sims (grandson), Mr. W. Collison (son-in-law), Mr. Morgan and Mrs. and Miss Walker.

St. Peter's Funeral.—The funeral of Mr. Edward George Tucker, of 25 Northdown-road, St. Peter's, who died at the age of 76, took place at St. Peter's Churchyard, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith officiating. Those present at the graveside included the widow, Mr. and Mrs. G. Tucker (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. E. Tucker (son), Councillor and Mrs. A. T. Tucker (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Curtis (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. Humby (son-in-law and daughter) and Mrs. Hughes.

MINSTER

A.T.C. Football.—Minster Flight of the Thanet A.T.C. Squadron were beaten by 11 goals to 2 when they entertained A and B (Margate) Flights in the first inter-unit football match of the season.

Young People's Festival.—Major Maxwell conducted the services when the harvest festival for young people was held at Minster Salvation Army Hall last week. She spoke of her experiences as a missionary in India and East and West Africa.

Whist for Scouts.—Local Boy Scout funds benefited to the extent of £1 4s. 6d. as a result of the whist drive held at Minster Parish Hall on Wednesday. Ten tables were in play, Mr. W. Loveday was M.C. and the prizes were won by Mr. Brian, Mrs. Knott, Miss Hodges, Mrs. Card, Mrs. Fairbrace and Mrs. Castle.

Savings Trophies.—The "Wings for Victory" and Warship Week trophies were received at a meeting of Minster Council on Tuesday. Until the village has a council chamber they are to hang in Minster School but for a short time they will be on public view in one of the shop windows.

Efficient Cadets.—The attendance at parades of the Minster Flight, Thanet A.T.C.—80 per cent.—is the best in the district. The cadets were praised by Councillor Father T. A. Keniry at Tuesday's meeting of Minster Council when he stated that a large number of the boys had passed proficiency examinations equal to school certificate standard.

Harvest Thanksgiving.—Boy Scouts and Girl Guides formed part of the congregation when a children's service was held at Minster Parish Church last week in connection with the harvest festival. The Vicar (Canon A. W. MacMichael) preached in the morning and the Rev. K. Percival Smith (Vicar of Margate) in the evening. The sum of £12 10s. was offered for Margate General Hospital and gifts of fruit and produce were afterwards sent to Ramsgate and Margate General Hospitals.

Funeral of Mr. H. H. Sayer.—The funeral took place at Minster cemetery last week of Mr. Herbert Henry Sayer, who died the previous Thursday at his home, 2 Eden-cottages, Prospect-road, at the age of 69 years. Although a native of Garlinge, Mr. Sayer had spent nearly all his life in Minster as a builder's labourer and a farm labourer. He served throughout the last war with The Buffs and was a member of the British Legion. Mr. Sayer's wife passed away three months ago. He leaves two sons and one daughter. The committal service was conducted by Capt. Sutton, Salvation Army, and the family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sayer (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Castle (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. F. Sayer (daughter-in-law), Mrs. Farbrace and Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs (sisters and brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fright, Mrs. R. Fuller and Mrs. F. Fright (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Fright, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. F. Fox (nephews and nieces) and Mrs. Hollands.

SPITFIRE FLAG DAY

The Spitfire flag day at Ramsgate on Saturday, organised by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), realised £78 8s. 6d.

The collectors and the amounts collected were:

Mrs. Willey, £1 1s. 6d.; Miss Cox, £1 10s. 6d.; the Mayor, £3 13s.; Miss Robinson, £2 1s.; Miss LeGallais, £3 8s. 2½d.; Miss G. Fenn, £1 10s. 8½d.; Mr. Britton, £1 6s. 10½d.; Miss Howells (Crescent-road), £1 8s. 4d.; Mrs. Hall, £4 18s. 3d.; Mrs. Baker (Plains of Waterloo), £4 19s.; Mrs. Arrowsmith, £1 12s. 7d.; Miss Foster, £2 5s. 5½d.; Mrs. Young, £5 17s. 8d.; Mrs. Todd, £3 17s. 7d.; Miss Duckett, 17s. 0½d.; Mrs. Thom £5 0s. 0½d.; Miss Gardiner, £2 13s. 5½d.; Mrs. Bush, £1 15s. 11d.; Mrs. Baker (Hatfield-road), £1 13s.; Mrs. Ellistone, £1 13s. 4d.; Mrs. Pook, £1 9s. 6d.; Mrs. Waters, £1 14s. 2½d.; Miss H. Wells, £1 1s. 5d.; Mrs. Setterfield, £1 9s. 1½d.; Wrens, £2 0s. 7d.; Miss Mary Rose, 18s.; Mrs. Flowerdew, £1 18s. 0½d.; Mrs. Evison, £2 8s. 2½d.; Miss Tappenden, £1 15s. 9d.; Mrs. Janes, 10s. 3d.; Sylvia Pittock, £1 13s. 7½d.; W.A.A.Fs at Manston, £3 6s. 4d.

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The official citation says: "This officer has served with bomber and photographic reconnaissance squadrons in the Middle East. In his operational work he has invariably displayed outstanding devotion to duty, skill, perseverance and reliability. He has proved himself an exceptionally able pilot."

In November, 1941, Flt.-Lt. Lenton and the crew of his aircraft operating in the Middle East were reported missing and nothing was heard of them for eight months. Then in June, 1942, they turned up at an Egyptian port in a fishing boat, having lived with bandits for eight months. When their aircraft crashed in enemy territory the crew took to the hills until they stole a fishing boat and sailed back to Egypt.

Flt.-Lt. Lenton was awarded the M.C. in December, 1942. Since his latest decoration he has been promoted squadron-leader.

REDWOOD—LILLEY

RAMSGATE AIRMAN'S BRIDE

An old girl of Clarendon House School and a former St. Georgian were married at Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate, on Tuesday.

The wedding was between Cpl. Eric Stanley Redwood, R.A.F., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Redwood, of 30 Bellevue-road, and Miss Sybil Blanche Lilley, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lilley, of 2 Shaftesbury-street.

The bride, who formerly worked at a Ramsgate bakery, is now employed in an aircraft factory and the many presents received by the couple included a substantial sum of money from her workmates.

She was given away by her father and wore a dress of white satin with overdress of lace, feather headdress, long veil and white satin sandals. Her shower bouquet was of pink carnations.

The bride had two attendants, Miss Vera Lilley (sister) and Miss Hilda Miller, who both wore green satin dresses with overdresses of cream net, Juliet caps, green lace gloves, girdles of green velvet, and gold crosses presented to them by the bridegroom. Each carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bridegroom's mother wore a burgundy silk dress and Mrs. Lilley a dress of hyacinth blue marocain.

The Rector (the Rev. A. H. Culmer) conducted the ceremony and Cpl. Jack Harrison, R.A.F., was best man, while Miss Blanche Milgate, at the organ, accompanied the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us," "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O perfect love," and played "I'll walk beside you" while the parties were in the vestry.

As the newly-married couple left the church the bride was presented with two silver horseshoes by her nephews Brian and Gordon West.

Seventy guests attended the reception held at 3 Augusta-road, and Cpl. and Mrs. Redwood afterwards left for their honeymoon at Barnet, the bride travelling in a dusky pink dress, with camel coat and brown accessories.

DIED IN THAI CAMP

Mrs. A. C. Ansell, of 38 Ethelbert-road, Margate, has received news that her son, Sig. George E. Ansell, has died in a Thai prisoner of war camp.

Sig. Ansell, who joined the Royal Corps of Signals in October, 1939, was reported missing 14 months after the fall of Malaya.

In July of this year a letter from him dated June, 1942, was received stating that he was safe and well.

BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

The most important event since our last Scout Column has been the visit of the Chief Scout, Lord Somers, to our county. As there had been a specially arranged weekend camp at Tovil near Maidstone to welcome him, advance details could not be made public for security reasons, but very limited numbers from every Association took part in the camp, and our own area was represented by the District Commissioner, Mr. W. J. Martin Tomson, and members of the 1st St. Lawrence and 1st Minster. A rally and display by War Service Scouts took place on the Sunday afternoon and the Maidstone Scouts sent over a large number to take part in this feature.

Our own Inter Troop Efficiency Competition takes place next week end, and the District Scoutmaster of another Association will act as Judge. Entries close at 8 p.m. on Thursday next, and must be received by the Asst. District Commissioner prior to that time. The team consists of 4 Scouts under 16, and the contest is up to 2nd Class Scout standard in first aid, signalling, lashing, knots, compass, recognition of common trees, cooking of midday meal, and camp lay out, and gadgets. No Scouters nor other members of the troop will be present during the actual competition, and the team will be entirely under the leadership of one of the team. Generally speaking things are fairly equal, and as every team has been training under the disadvantages of wartime I am looking to a keenly contested event.

The Senior Scouts Handbook and the new and high standard badges for senior scouts are all in the book. What an adventurous thrill runs through even the names of the badges—camp warden, rescuer, countryman, pioneer, fireman, venturer, signalling instructor, forester, tracker etc. There is a big future in the senior scouts and in the 15 to 18 age group there will soon be found the finest type of lad that anyone could wish to find, trained to self reliance, practiced in skill of campcraft, and proficient in service to the community by preparedness for emergencies. The distinguishhing maroon shoulder straps will have to wait until peace comes, but senior scouts will not worry about one small detail of uniform before getting into their stride, and as this new branch of the movement gradually takes shape the words of our own County Commissioner seem very prophetic—the cream will come to the top in the upper half of the troop.

On Sunday evening the voice of Maurice Peatfield, the B.B.C. commentator, described the harvest festival of the sea at the Fisherman's Church at Mevagissey, Cornwall, and my thoughts drifted back to the days when he was skipper of the Moronel in Ramsgate Harbour. Moronel, then guardship of the local Sea Scouts did some fine trips, and before this Peatfield and three other of a varsity Rover crew had taken her through the Kiel Canal to the Swedish Rover Moot, so it was little wonder that "Harvest Festival of the Sea" was assigned to the Moronel's prewar skipper.

Broadstairs has now an active group once more, but at the moment only cubs are actually running. These meet on Monday evenings at St. Peter's from 5.30 p.m. Unfortunately it is a case of the willing horse doing all the work—the padre who is already running two churches single handed. When emergencies, unexpected calls, brief holidays and other things turn up some help and assistance can be seen as indispensible, under these circumstances. The "hub of Thanet" wants someone to help turn the wheels, and not rely absolutely on one scouter.

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(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

The programme at the Queen's Cinema, Ramsgate, this week, includes Mary Pickford in "The Pride of the Clan," and Charlie Chaplin in "The Pawnshop."

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The Rev. G. G. Collins, Vicar of St. Luke's, Ramsgate, is taking charge of the parish of St. Lawrence in the absence of the Rev. R. F. Brennan, who is serving with the Y.M.C.A.

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Lt. Rex Perry, M.C., of the Royal Engineers, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Perry, of Ramsgate, is one of the force sent under Gen. Dunsterville to rally the Armenians at Baku.

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L/Cpl. Walter Dilnot, Royal Garrison Artillery, of High-street, Ramsgate, is home on leave from Newhaven, where he has been in hospital, after meeting with an accident while at drill. His brother, Ernest W. Dilnot, also of the R.G.A., has spent 11 months in France out of the 18 months he has been in the Army.

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Flt.-Lt. Otto Weimar, of the German Flying Corps, escaped from the German Officers' Camp at Ramsgate on Sunday evening. A sentry gave the alarm and a search was made throughout Thanet. During the early hours of Monday morning Weimar asked a bombardier in the R.F.A. for a drink of water and information of his escape and a description of him having been circulated, he was at once taken to the guard-room. When captured he was wearing a corduroy suit and carrying a small handbag containing the rations distributed in the camp.

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Spr. H. Weeks, R.E., formerly of Ramsgate Post Office, is home on leave from France. He came straight from the Cambrai sector and some of the first news he read was of the fall of that city.

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Cpl. E. Nash, of the R.A.M.C., Sanitary Section, son of Mr. Samuel Nash, of Broadstairs, is on leave in the town.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

RUN DOWN AT SEA

Early on Thursday morning the brigantine Star of the Ocean, of Faversham, bound from Shields to Ramsgate with a cargo of coal for the gas works, was run into and sunk off the North Foreland. Capt. Berry, of the steamship City of London, arrived in Gravesend on Thursday afternoon and reported that, when off the North Foreland, he picked up Charles Evans, of Ramsgate, and another man who died in a few minutes. Evans stated that he was one of the crew of seven hands belonging to the Star of the Ocean. At four that morning the vessel was run down by a two-masted steamer, apparently a mail boat, which continued on her course. So far as he knew all hands but himself perished. The master of the Star of the Ocean was Capt. Uden, who was well-known in Ramsgate, and he had lately come to reside in that town. He was recognised everywhere as a skilful seaman and had traded between this town and the north for a number of years.

C.D. IN ACTION

RAMSGATE DEMONSTRATION

Many of the personnel of Ramsgate Civil Defence services took part in a realistic exercise on Wednesday afternoon, when they rescued "casualties" from the ruins of the west front of the Granville Hotel.

The "show" was staged to give a section of the public, members of the Civil Defence Committee, the Women's Voluntary Service and the report and control centre among them, an opportunity of seeing at first hand what happens when the C.D. set to work on newly-bombed premises. The exercise was particularly interesting to the report centre workers who normally do an important job behind the scenes and are only aware of what is going on outside by means of messages sent by those on the spot.

The bombed hotel, with its jagged walls and piles of rubble and brickwork, made an effective background for the demonstration and gave the workers plenty of useful practice.

Soldier "Casualties."

Thunderflashes were used to represent bombs and as the first burst three soldier casualties could be seen lying groaning in the brickwork, while a civilian, who had been walking in the roadway, lay with his arm "blown off." Within a few moments two wardens were on the scene and while one applied first-aid to the casualty in the roadway, the other made a hasty survey to estimate the number of casualties, running off to send an express message.

On his way to the wardens' post the latter contacted four other wardens, who rushed to the spot to perform various duties under the direction of their leader. To complicate matters it was discovered that another casualty was lying in the gas-filled basement of 5 Victoria-parade and here the onlookers were given an interesting demonstration of the remote breathing apparatus. To rescue the trapped man a C.D. worker donned a gas mask to which was attached a long air tube, its free end left in the open air, and then, by means of a rope, climbed down into the basement to drag the casualty to safety.

Another important point in the exercise was the use of what is known as the "King's harness." Two more casualties were found on the first floor of the hotel and as they were suffering from internal injuries it was not possible to hand them down the ladder in the normal way. Instead two stretchers were raised to the floor and the patients strapped to them by means of the "King's harness." By this method it was possible to lower them gently, sliding the stretcher down the ladder.

Considerable amusement was caused by the antics of an hysterical young lady, attired in a dressing gown, who had been isolated in a first-floor bathroom. She played her part very seriously and did not calm down until she had been treated—the enjoyable "treatment" being a cup of sweet tea at the W.V.S. mobile canteen which was on the spot.

To conclude the exercise fire guards extinguished a blaze at the side of the building.

Those present were able to see in action the several branches of C.D. work and all were impressed by the efficiency shown.

Throughout the exercise a running commentary was given by the A.R.P. Officer (Sgt. Brown) and Rescue Party Supt. W. H. Gibson.

AIR TRAINING CORPS

438 (Thanet) Squadron

Officer commanding—F/Lt. R. W. Spratling, R.A.F.V.R. (T.).

Squadron H.Q.—College-road, Margate.

Orders for week ending 16th October.

Part 1.

To-day.—A, B, C, D and E Flights parade at respective H.Qs. at 18.55 hrs. (E at 19.15 hrs.) Instruction according to timetable.

Thursday.—A, B, C and D Flights parade at respective H.Qs. at 18.55 hrs. Instruction according to timetable.

Friday.—E Flight parade at 19.15 hrs. Instruction according to timetable.

Orderly officers and N.C.Os—see Flight D.R.Os.

Part 2.

Advanced training examinations.—These will not take place in October because the greater proportion of the candidates will have joined the R.A.F. before the dates fixed for the examinations to take place. Next examinations will be held in January.

Proficiency examinations, part 1.—Names and particulars of all first-class cadets keen to take their proficiency part 1 to be sent to the Adjutant by 18th October.

Drum and fife band.—Practices will be arranged as follows: Mondays at Sqdn. H.Q., Margate, from 20.00 hrs.; Thursdays at C and D Flights H.Q., Ramsgate, from 20.00 hrs.

Officers.—In accordance with A.M.O. instructions, officers' attendances showing times of arriving and leaving duty will be recorded in a log book kept at each Flight's H.Q. All duties will be recorded therein, including semi-official parades, sports, etc.

Football.—Inter-unit football competition, A and B v. C and D on Sunday, 10th October, at H.Q., Margate, at 14.45 hrs.

Social and dance.—A social and dance will be held at C and D Flights' H.Q., Chatham House, Ramsgate, on Saturday, 16th October, at 19.30 hrs.

Frank A. Burgess, F/O, R.A.F.V.R.(T.)
Adjt., for C.O.

THANET ECHOES

by The Listener

Planning

THE people of Ramsgate, as well as the Town Council, are indebted to the Borough Engineer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, for his comprehensive report on post-war development. Mr. Brimmell sets out clearly the problems which will have to be faced and wisely points out that a long-sighted policy is necessary rather than any immediate rushed action. Planning, to be successful, has of necessity to be a lengthy business. In the past there has been a tendency to legislate for to-day and let to-morrow look after itself. No town, probably, has suffered more than Ramsgate from lack of planning in the past. There have been a number of half-baked schemes but none of them has been wide enough in scope to make of Ramsgate a town worthy of the prominent position it occupies on the south-east coast. The fact that the present generation may not see the benefit should not deter the authority from preparing bold comprehensive plans of development to be put in hand as and when the money is available.

A National Liability

A pressing problem that has got to be faced in the immediate future is that of coast erosion and protective works. For years this has been a millstone round the necks of many coastal towns and has restricted development in other directions. Mr. Brimmell points out that the cost of works required to be done to the cliffs at Ramsgate will amount to "very many thousands of pounds." "These," continues Mr. Brimmell, "are not town planning works but works required to be done to preserve a portion of England itself. Surely such works are a national obligation." The coastal towns have a very strong case to put to the Government in view of the way they have had to suffer through the war. They were semi-evacuated in the interests of England and great defence works to meet a possible attack by the enemy were erected in the interests of England. Is it not logical to ask that England itself should be protected from the sea as well as from the enemy as a national charge? Main roads which run through scores of towns have become a national or county charge to which all contribute and coast defence works should be placed on a similar footing. Resorts in the west have flourished throughout the war at the expense of those in the east, which can't be helped, but it is only fair to ask that, when peace returns once more, all shall contribute to the cost of reconstruction.

Clearing Up

THE first thing to be done after the war, Mr. Brimmell points out, will be general "clearing up." Only those who have seen south-east coastal towns in their war garb know what that means. Promenades will have to be repaired, open spaces and putting greens made good, obstructions removed, together with hundreds of other similar jobs. These alone will take some considerable time, even if the labour and materials are readily available. A small sub-committee of the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee is already at work listing the immediate jobs which will be necessary before we can again begin to think of entertaining visitors. So far as Ramsgate is concerned its hardest task will be when the war ends and the period of reconstruction begins. Mr. Brimmell pleads for a co-ordination of the plans of the various committees and this is essential if the combined result is to fit into a complete picture rather than make a patchwork quilt. We must think in terms of Ramsgate, or even Thanet, rather than of committees or factions. The prosperity of the town is the prosperity of Ramsgate as a whole and not of just a few sections of it.

Bicycles

NEVER has there been such a demand for cycles as at the present time. People who formerly enjoyed the luxury of cars both for business and pleasure now have to rely on the humble cycle. For those who are no longer so young as they used to be it may result in an improvement of figure but it is a bit hard on the wind. As with all things of which there is a scarcity, a section of the community contrives to get hold of them by other than orthodox means. Cycle thefts have reached rather alarming proportions, due to a large extent to carelessness on the part of the owners. The cycling public can help the police firstly by locking the wheels of their machines in some way when they have to leave them in public places and secondly to take a full description and number of the cycle to be supplied immediately in the event of theft. The frame number is particularly important for once a cycle enters the "black market" it can soon be repainted and made to look quite different. But the old adage of prevention being better than cure still holds good.

Three Years Ago They Said—

"ENGLISH illusions regarding the success of their Air Force are being dispelled from day to day. Soon, not only the English people but the whole world will know who really has command of the air."—Radio Zeesen, 10th October, 1940.

"In the conversations which were renewed between the two statesmen, they laid down the plans, and set the rhythm for the war against England, who to-day already lies on her death-bed."—Voelkischer Beobachter, 6th October, 1940, referring to meeting of Hitler and Mussolini.

CERTIFICATES OF HONOUR

BROADSTAIRS WINGS FOR VICTORY COMMEMORATION

Residents of Broadstairs are invited by the Chairman (Councillor H. Noble) and members of the Executive Committee of the Local Savings Committee to attend the Picture House, Broadstairs, at 6.15 p.m. to-morrow, when Certificates of Honour will be presented to secretaries of savings groups who reached their targets in Wings for Victory Week.

The cinema show will include Gaumont British news-reel and a Crown Film Unit production, "Fires were Started."

PRESERVING CHARACTER

COUNCIL DEBATE TOWN PLANNING

Would Ramsgate lose its popularity with holidaymakers if its winding narrow streets were converted into spacious highways?

Views both for and against were expressed at the monthly meeting of the Town Council on Thursday, when the Council had under consideration the report, details of which have already appeared in the Advertiser & Echo, concerning post-war planning and development.

Councillor J. Martin said there was one omission in the report—no provision was made for the erection of houses for the working classes.

Thousands of lads now in the forces had got married and when they came back they would want to set up homes. They had been promised a new heaven and a new earth but so far as Ramsgate was concerned there was apparently no prospect of housing them. He hoped to hear soon that the Housing Committee were contemplating buying land on which houses for the working class could be built.

Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, vice-chairman of the Housing Committee, said he wished to assure Councillor Martin that the matter was not being neglected in any way. The committee had it very much in mind and they would have a considerable amount of land available for re-housing on slum clearance sites. An announcement had been made by the Government that day to the effect that development plans would be vested in the nation and local authorities and they could proceed with their plans on that assumption. The Housing Committee would certainly do so.

The subject of the street widening plans, reference to which was made by the Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) in his report, was raised by Councillor Dr. D. P. Crawford.

To widen some of their main streets would be a great mistake, said Dr. Crawford. Ramsgate had got to live by selling holidays and one thing which people wanted when on holiday was a complete change of surroundings. Most of the people who would be visiting Ramsgate would be coming from built-up areas with wide streets and shops and houses that were mass-produced—places with no history and with no communal life or atmosphere and where every main road was a death-trap when one attempted to cross it. If they attempted to widen all the Ramsgate streets they would get the same kind of atmosphere. It would be a great mistake.

Infectious Holiday Spirit.

To many people the joy of a holiday was to jostle with holiday crowds. Ramsgate in the past had offered jostling crowds in which the spirit of holiday spread from one to another. If they widened the streets, where would the holiday crowds be? It would be the same as if they were at home. They would have to jump for their lives out of the way of vehicles and they would not be able to cross the road without fear of being knocked down. Ramsgate would be spoiled if its main streets were widened.

"If you widen these streets you might just as well go to Margate or Southend," said Dr. Crawford.

Agreeing with the views expressed by Dr. Crawford, Councillor A. R. Young said essential improvements to Ramsgate should not include widening the main streets. Ramsgate was better as it was than as it might appear upon the drawing board of some skilled town planning architect. The characteristics of Ramsgate must be preserved.

Deploring the suggestion that Denmark-road should be scheduled for industrial development, Councillor F. C. Miller said an effort should be made to remove the gas works to the outskirts of the borough.

Opposition to Dr. Crawford's view was expressed by Councillor H. Farmer, who said he had had 24 years experience of Ramsgate's jostling crowds. They had been getting fewer better class people and if Ramsgate was to keep in the forefront of holiday resorts it must improve. Ramsgate's main streets were a disgrace in the summer-time. If the main street were widened they would get a beautiful vista of shops and of the harbour.

Councillor G. W. Caffell said the widening of the streets would not come about for many years and there were many other things in the report which would give them greater headaches before that time arrived.

Councillor Dr. A. Duffy questioned whether the widening of streets made them less dangerous. From his observation there were far more accidents at the Lord of the Manor than there were in Harbour-street and High-street. Many people felt that curving streets were beautiful and straight streets were ugly.

Councillor Harcourt Samuel said the matter would be very carefully considered by the Housing and Town Planning Committee. They would have to consider both the æsthetic and utilitarian. All they had before them at the moment was a general idea of development. The committee had a lot of hard work in front of them and their conclusions would be submitted to the Council from time to time. It was their intention to keep the public informed so that they could learn their views.

The report was accepted.

GOVERNMENT RED TAPE

UNREASONABLE REQUEST

Another example of Governmental inconsistency is to be found in the report of the Civil Defence Committee.

The Borough Treasurer, states the report, submitted correspondence which he had had with the Ministry of Home Security regarding a deficiency of six pairs of men's gum boots and ten pairs of women's gum boots, which was disclosed during stocktaking of A.R.P. equipment. The Ministry of Home Security did not call for stock returns until some time after the equipment was actually received, and the losses could be mainly attributed to failure to recover articles from part-time members of the Civil Defence services who left the town during the evacuation crisis in 1940. The Ministry now claim payment from the Council of the sum of £7 12s. 2d. in respect of such shortage.

"The committee," states the report, "recognise the need for an efficient system of control and check upon all articles of equipment supplied by the Government in connection with Civil Defence, and they are satisfied that every care has been taken to maintain such a check, and consider that the loss was unavoidable having regard to the abnormal circumstances existing in 1940, at the time when the Government were urging the surplus civilian population to evacuate to other areas.

"The committee feel that it is unreasonable for the Accountancy Section of any Government department to expect to be able to check in meticulous peace-time detail the handling of innumerable items of stores and equipment in the abnormal conditions created by the war.

"Apart from the physical hazards of war on such equipment, many of the trained staffs who would normally carry out the work of control and check are now in the Armed Forces, and all departments are carrying on to the best of their ability with untrained staffs.

"The Ministry of Health when urging the release of men for the armed forces have intimated that local authorities may find it necessary to abandon certain work, and it is therefore disconcerting to find Government departments pressing local authorities to supply such departments with elaborate details which appear in many instances to be unnecessary.

"The amount involved in the present case is small but the principle involved is important, and the committee have asked the Borough Treasurer to carry their protest to the department concerned."

GRATUITIES FOR WIDOWS

WAR SERVICE VICTIMS

Subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, the Council are to pay gratuities under the Ramsgate Corporation Act of 1922 to the widows of employees killed on active service or who have been transferred to industry through the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee by the Gas and Water Committee, who reported that P. Bartlett, a slot meter collector employed by the department for 15 years, had died while on active service.

They asked that a uniform practice should be determined for all departments of the Corporation.

EMERGENCY MEALS

SEMI-MOBILE KITCHEN

The Ministry of Food have decided to allocate to the Isle of Thanet, for the joint use of the Thanet towns and Sandwich, a semi-mobile kitchen intended to provide facilities for the preparation and cooking of full-scale meals in an emergency.

Following a meeting of the officials of the three towns it has been agreed that the apparatus shall be housed in a cottage at the entrance to Jackey Baker's recreation ground and duty rotas of 15 persons are to be prepared by the W.V.S. of the towns to work in conjunction with the Emergency Meals Officer.

COST OF LIVING

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

The Council have decided to adopt, as from 1st July last, the following bonus scale recommended by the Southern Home Counties Provincial Council for Local Authorities Administrative, Technical and Clerical Staffs:

Junior male officers under 21 years of age, 8s. 9d. per week;

Junior female officers under 21 years of age, 7s. per week;

Adult male officers whose normal remuneration does not exceed £500 per annum (excluding bonus), 17s. 6d. per week;

Adult female officers whose normal remuneration does not exceed £500 per annum (excluding bonus), 14s. per week;

Adult male and female officers whose normal remuneration exceeds £500 per annum (excluding bonus), £33 16s. per annum.

IN BRIEF

Having considered representations made by the Transport and General Workers' Union, the Watch Committee recommended that no alteration be made in the schedule of fixed omnibus stopping places.

The Watch Committee have placed on record their sincere congratulations and good wishes to Mr. W. Palmer on his appointment as Deputy Chief Constable of Kent.

The chairman of the Watch Committee (Alderman A. E. Petley) and the appropriate officers have been authorised to negotiate with the East Kent Road Car Co. and, subject to the approval of the Regional Commissioner, to conclude arrangements for additional omnibus facilities between Ramsgate and the village of Manston.

The Lending Department of the Public Library is to be closed at 6 p.m. during the winter months, beginning on the first Monday in November.

Subject to the purchase ranking for grant, a snow plough to be fitted to a Works Department vehicle is to be purchased at a cost of £63 16s.

The Borough Engineer has been instructed to resist any attempt which may be made to requisition the road roller belonging to the Council.

At the request of the County Medical Officer of Health a Civil Defence vehicle is to be made available for use by a county midwife when she may be required to go to Broadstairs during black-out hours.

Application is to be made to the Regional Commissioner for approval of an excess expenditure in connection with the transfer of Civil Defence depots amounting to £353 19s. 6d.

The chairman of the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee (Councillor O. Hughes), together with Councillors D. J. R. Smith and A. T. Grummant, have been appointed a sub-committee to go into the question of post-war planning so far as it affects the committee and to report at an early date.

A grant of £150 is to be made to the St. John Ambulance Brigade for the year ended 31st March, 1944.

INCREASE THE YIELDS OF ALL YOUR FIELDS

Store Well and stop Crop Losses

The Nation's vital needs demand that potatoes for storing must be lifted at the right time and made safe from risk of frost damage. Much waste has been caused by bad storage.

MAKE SURE YOUR POTATOES ARE WELL STORED

Here are some "Do's" and "Don'ts" to guide you.

***DO** store different varieties separately, saving time and labour when crops are bought by variety.

***DO** build your clamp, pie or "grave" near a good road — but not too near the hedge, for you'll need plenty of soil for covering.

***DO** ask your War Agricultural Committee what width clamp is best for your variety.

***DO** make sides and ridges even before putting on straw. *Avoid all hollows.*

***DO** look often at crops in buildings for signs of spoiling.

***DO** put ventilation pipes at 3' intervals in heaps stored in buildings.

***DON'T** lift when there is blight on the green haulm.

***DON'T** store wet potatoes if it can be avoided. When earthing up the clamp, replace wet covering straw with dry wheat straw (not oat straw).

***DON'T** be mean with straw. Use 6" to 8" thatch packed firmly, with an extra layer over the peak.

***DON'T** store too deeply in buildings — about 4 feet is high enough. Potatoes heat and go rotten if heap is too bulky. Provide for ventilation.

***DON'T** forget to protect stored crops from light (to prevent greening), damp and frost. Cover well with straw.

***DON'T** store blighted potatoes. Boil at once for feeding to stock.

ASK YOUR WAR AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE FOR ADVICE AND FREE GROWMORE LEAFLET NO. 77 ON STORING POTATOES. IF THE COMMITTEE IS HOLDING A CLAMPING DEMONSTRATION, GO AND SEE IT.

ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

THEFT FROM BOMBED SITE

SOLDIER FINED AT MARGATE

One of a party of soldiers who was detailed to help clear up the wreckage following bombing was fined £5 at Margate police court on Wednesday for stealing a gold watch value £20.

He was Pte. Norris Eric Macey and he pleaded guilty to stealing the watch, the property of William John Woodruff, from premises damaged by war operations.

Evidence of leaving the watch in the safe under the counter of his shop was given by Mr. Woodruff. The safe was closed, but not locked. There had been a raid that day and in the excitement he had forgotten to lock the safe. He arrived back from lunch between 2.30 and 2.40, when he found the safe open and the watch and other articles about the shop missing.

Defendant said he was one of a party of soldiers who had been detailed to help clear the wreckage. He arrived at 3 p.m. and worked through the night. At 6 p.m. he found the watch, which was under a mackintosh in the debris. He kept it for about a week before throwing it back amongst the debris.

Inspr. H. B. Fleet said defendant was a single man aged 22 years and a native of Eastbourne. He joined the army in October, 1938, and in 1941 was before a military court martial on a charge of attempted forgery. His character was given as fair.

PLANNING AND PLOTTING TO SAVE LABOUR

Most farmers agree that shortage of skilled labour is a limiting factor to increased production. And there are limits to the dilution of skilled labour in farming. Increases in tillage area or in output per acre must mean greater output per worker when man-power is short. Mechanisation is invariably suggested as the way out. Is it? Can it ever be entirely? For one thing we cannot get machines now just to order. And our farm area may not justify the high capital outlay of mechanising. In many instances, too, the machines we require for certain jobs are not yet designed or are still relatively imperfect.

We can do much, however, by planned cropping, by efficient organisation of what labour we have. Is our cropping planned to ease the rush periods of seed time and harvest? Is every effort made to get as much corn sown in autumn as possible, to relieve pressure in spring? By a wise choice of variety we can extend the cutting period over two to three weeks. For instance, a farmer who sows Cote D'Or, Yeoman and Crown wheats ensures early, normal and late ripening. Given the hardy white winter oats, S.172, S.147 and Picton, the oat acreage—or most of it—can be sown in autumn in most districts; and since they ripen before even the earliest wheats, harvest is still further extended. Much the same is true for spring sowing, since varieties like Ayr Bounty, Star and Eagle ripen over a period of at least two weeks. Many farmers now sow Plumage Archer barley in autumn, for in milder districts this ensures early ripening and a good malting sample. Many have already realised the possibilities of milling barley and sow the hardy six-rowed winter type in October. Nor must standing power be overlooked. A stiff-strawed variety which laughs at high fertility and the buffeting of summer storms is easy to handle; this means economy of labour.

Seed mixtures, too, can be compiled to allow haysel to be spread. Why have all your eggs in one hay basket when we know that perennial ryegrass, cocksfoot and timothy are ready for cutting at different times?

THE FOOD FRONT

TOMATOES RED AND GREEN

There are red tomatoes in plenty at the moment and a promise of much more fruit which may not ripen this season. Fortunately green tomatoes can be cooked as well as red and there are many delicious recipes for both "Stop" and "Go" varieties.

For the red fruit, here is a pasty which is excellent hot, while it simply cries to go into the luncheon basket when cold.

Tomato Pasty

For the pastry—
8ozs. flour
2½ozs. fat
Salt

Rub the fat into the flour very well, add the salt and mix to a stiff dough with a little cold water. Roll out into two squares, one a little larger than the other.

For the filling—
1lb. tomatoes
2 dried eggs reconstituted
2ozs. grated cheese
Salt
Pinch cayenne pepper
½ teaspoonful dry mustard

Skin and slice the tomatoes, and cover the smaller of the pastry squares with them. Mix the eggs, finely grated cheese and seasonings, and pour carefully over the tomatoes. Cover with the second square of pastry, seal the edges thoroughly. Brush over with the remains of the egg left in the mixing bowl, and bake in a quick oven for 25-30 minutes.

Green Tomatoes Puree

Now for the green harvest. Here is a good dish to serve as a second vegetable.
2lbs. green tomatoes no matter how small and hard
1 teaspoonful sugar
1 small onion
1oz. margarine or dripping
Dash of grated nutmeg
Salt and pepper

Melt the margarine or dripping in a saucepan, slice the onion and tomatoes into it. Add sugar, pepper and salt.

Simmer very slowly until the onion and tomatoes are soft and pulpy, but take care that they do not burn. Add the nutmeg.

Love Apple Pie

Here is a tart that country people like to serve to unsuspecting townsfolk, enjoying their astonishment when they learn what manner of fruit is used to make it. The fruit should be prepared the day before the tart is made.
2lbs. small green tomatoes
Pinch spice
4 tablespoonsful sugar
½ teaspoonful ginger
Short crust

Cut the tomatoes in halves, sprinkle with the ginger, spice and sugar and leave until the next day. Pour the tomatoes and the syrup which will have formed into a deep piedish. The dish should be well filled as the tomatoes shrink in cooking. Put a pie funnel or eggcup into the centre of the dish, cover with the short crust and if it can be spared, brush the top with milk.

Bake in a moderate oven until the crust is golden brown.

4th (Thanet) CADET BN. THE BUFFS

Commanding officer—Capt. H. D. Rose, T.A.R.O.

Battalion headquarters—27 Harbour-street, Ramsgate.

Orders for the week commencing 10th October.

Part 1 (parades).

To-day.—A and C Coys. and Broadstairs Platoon at 19.00 hrs. Cert. "A" training.

Wednesday.—A and B Coys. at 19.00 hrs. Cert. "A" training.

Thursday.—C Coy. and Broadstairs Platoon at 19.00 hrs. Cert. "A" training.

T. Wells, Lt., T.A.R.O.
Adjt. for C.O.

SHOP RANSACKED

YOUTHS SENT FOR TRIAL

Remanded from the previous week, Herbert Edward Sheppard, 18, of Grange-road, and James Sloane, 16, of Bradley-road, both of whom are employed at Chislet Colliery, were committed for trial at Deal Quarter Sessions, to be held on 6th November, at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

They were charged with breaking an entering the office of the THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO on 1st September and stealing £3 1s. 9d. in money, postage stamps to the value of 15s. and two fountain pens valued at 5s.

They were further charged with breaking and entering 95 High-street, Ramsgate, and stealing pipes and other articles to the value of £1 10s., and with looting the premises.

Both defendants were allowed bail.

At the same court the hearing was continued of the case in which three other young colliery employees—Courtenev Morgan, 14, of Picton-road, John McDonough, 16, of Bradley-road, and Mervyn Kenneth Cook, 17, of St. Luke's-avenue—were also charged with breaking and entering 95 High-street and stealing articles to the value of £11 15s. They were further charged with looting.

D/S Fortescue said that on 2nd September he examined 95 High-street, an unoccupied shop, and found a door at the rear and windows open. The premises were in great disorder, all rooms having been ransacked.

On 4th September he saw Morgan at Chislet Colliery, told him he was making inquiries about 95 High-street, and asked him to account for some pipes. He said "I may as well tell you the truth. I did get in there with Ginger McDonough and Mervyn Cook."

When seen, Cook said "I have only been in there once." but later admitted he had visited the shop a second time. McDonough said he had been in the shop three times and helped to ransack the rooms, forcing open some cupboards.

These three defendants were also committed for trial at Deal Quarter Sessions.

The magistrates commended W/R Ellis for his astuteness in the case.

MEAN THEFT

STOLE RAILWAY TICKETS

The theft of three railway tickets to Newcastle from the booking office of Margate station the previous Wednesday led to the appearance of Stkr. William Gourlay, R.N., aged 20, at Margate police court on Saturday.

C/I H. B. Fleet said defendant became friendly with Mr. Smith, a booking clerk at Margate railway station, and on Wednesday evening was conversing with Mr. Smith when the latter was called to the phone. While Mr. Smith was gone from the office defendant took three tickets from Margate to Newcastle. The loss was not discovered until next morning when the tickets and money were balanced.

On Friday Gourlay admitted the theft to the police and said he sold one of the tickets to a mate for 30s.

Defendant expressed his regret and said he realised it was a very mean thing to do.

Announcing a fine of £2, the Chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve) said the bench were sorry to see a member of the senior service in that position.

BEHAVED FOOLISHLY

SOLDIER HAS LEARNED HIS LESSON

"This has been a lesson to me. I have not done it before. I shall never do it again."

Gnr. Stanley Cyril Cason, aged 32, was alleged to have used these words in a statement to the police when he appeared at Ramsgate police court on Monday, summoned for breaking and entering 5 La Belle Alliance-square with intent to commit a felony on 8th September.

D/C Foster stated that shortly after 10 o'clock on the morning of 8th September he visited 5 La Belle Alliance-square, which was an unoccupied but partly furnished house, the back gate and back door were closed but not locked and when he entered the kitchen he saw accused. Asked what he was doing Cason said "Just having a look round."

Witness accompanied him to the police station, where he was searched, but nothing was found in his possession.

Cason then made a statement in which he said he was having a look round when he found the gate of the premises open. He then tried the back door and found that it was also open. He did not touch anything in the house and was just leaving when the police officer arrived. "I should have taken anything if I had fancied it," he continued. "This has been a lesson to me. I have not done it before. I shall never do it again."

Addressing defendant, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) told him he had behaved very foolishly but taking all the circumstances into account the bench had decided to give him the benefit of the doubt. The case was dismissed.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

R.S.P.C.A. Whist.—A whist drive on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A. is to be held at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

Births and Deaths.—During the months of July and August 16 boys and 12 girls were born in Ramsgate. During the same period the deaths were registered of 16 males and 17 females.

Old Girls' Re-union.—All old girls of St. George's Central School, Ramsgate, will be welcomed at the annual re-union which is to take place at the school on Thursday, 21st October, at 4.30 p.m.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 6.46 p.m.—6.49 a.m.
Wednesday	.. 6.44 p.m.—6.51 a.m.
Thursday	... 6.42 p.m.—6.53 a.m.
Friday	... 6.40 p.m.—6.54 a.m.
Saturday	... 6.38 p.m.—6.56 a.m.
Sunday	... 6.36 p.m.—6.58 a.m.
Monday	... 6.33 p.m.—6.59 a.m.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

A Live Wire Acm. Alan Fassam, formerly of the ADVERTISER & ECHO editorial staff, and now serving with the Royal Air Force in India, writes to his mother, Mrs. E. K. Wilkinson, some interesting accounts of the lighter side of service life.

During August he gave a lecture to his colleagues on "The Press," for which he was well complimented by the chairman, a squadron-leader. "I'm getting quite involved in the social life of the station now," he says, "for in addition to my lecture and occasional turn-outs for the soccer team, I've taken part regularly in debates. . . . I've also been asked by the Group Educational Officer to supervise the running of a wall newspaper and later, if it is a success, possibly to help produce a group magazine. It will certainly be great fun, will keep my mind from moodiness and, if I get the co-operation of the boys, should be quite a success. I'm still technical librarian and have taken over the fiction library for a while."

So that is how Alan occupies his spare time. His job is storekeeper for the unit and a neighbouring drome.

Basic English Mrs. Wilkinson, now living at Uttoxeter, has also received a long letter from another son, Tom, a flying officer serving in the Middle East, who has just recovered from a dose of sand-fly fever.

In his off hours Tom is interesting himself in the work of the British Institute. "They use the Basic English that Mr. Churchill mentioned in America recently," he writes, ". . . and it seems as well fitted to become a sort of international language as any. In fact, the whole business is up my street, believing as I do in dominion status for Europe."

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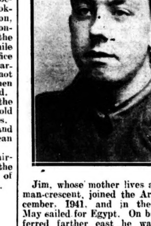
From Dust to Hills Pte. James William Morteshere, pictured below, is a Ramsgate man serving with the Persia and Iraq Force.



Jim, whose mother lives at 91 Coleman-crescent, joined the Army in December, 1941, and in the following May sailed for Egypt. On being transferred farther east he was glad to leave the dust of Egypt behind, but in letters home says he has to put up with hills instead. The place where he is stationed is rather isolated, but "canned entertainment" comes to the unit by car.

Pte. Morteshere, who celebrates his 21st birthday next week, is an old Ellington boy and before joining up was employed in dockyard work.

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Col. Perry Home Col. Rex H. Perry, M.C., Royal Engineers, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Perry, of Ramsgate, has returned to England after service in the Middle East with the Tenth Army. He has been mentioned in despatches and is now holding a position at a command headquarters of the Home Forces. Col. Perry went to Mesopotamia in the last war and in 1918 was one of a force which went, under Gen. Dunsterville, to rally the Armenians at Baku. After the Armistice he went back to India and saw service mostly on the North-West Frontier.

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Prisoner's D.F.C. The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Flg.-Off. Francis C. Jeffery, a former Margate resident, who is in a German prisoner of war camp.

As navigator in a Halifax bomber which failed to return from an operation some weeks ago, he was wounded but is reported to be recovering. The officer was a draughtsman in Thanet for several years before the war and was well-known in Margate as secretary of the Theatregoers' Club, as an artist and amateur actor. On the day he was called up it was announced that he had gained his degree at Goldsmith's College, where he was training to be an art master.

The Editor invites you to send in news of your relatives in the forces.

GIRL SPOTTERS

A.T.C. HELP G.T.C.

An examination following a series of lectures given to members of the Girls' Training Corps at Margate, proved very successful and far beyond expectations.

The girls were instructed by Flt.-Sgt. R. E. Jordan and Sgt. K. C. Mellor, of the Thanet Squadron A.T.C., and in their examination had to spot 30 aircraft and answer ten general questions on aircraft recognition. Seventeen of the 20 entrants gained over 60 per cent. marks, and three of them, J. Attwood, P. Gibbs and D. Harris, 100 per cent.

At a meeting of the G.T.C. held at their headquarters, New Cross-street, Margate, the adjutant of the Thanet A.T.C. Squadron (F/O Frank A. Burgess) presented the three "100 per centers" with savings stamps and congratulated both pupils and instructors on the excellent result.

F/O F. Duncan, the officer responsible for aircraft recognition instruction throughout the squadron, also congratulated the girls and said that the results gave the cadet instructors much encouragement.

Miss Milne, commandant of the local G.T.C., thanked the officers and cadets for their interest in the girls' work and the adjutant of the G.T.C. (Miss Finch) then presented savings stamps to the two instructors. The two cadets now hope to turn their attention to Broadstairs Youth Club, where they have been invited to give a similar series of lectures.

LOOTING AT RAMSGATE

SOLDIERS SENT TO PRISON

Sentence of eighteen months' hard labour was passed by the Recorder (Mr. Sydney G. Turner, O.B.E., K.C.) at Sandwich Quarter Sessions, on Friday, on a nineteen-year-old soldier who pleaded guilty to breaking into a Ramsgate house, stealing and looting.

Defendant, Arnold Wilson, was committed from Ramsgate police court on three charges of looting at 43, South Eastern-road during July and August, to breaking into the premises and stealing a clock, the property of Isabel Haswell, stealing articles belonging to the same person on another occasion and breaking out of the premises after having stolen other property.

With him in the dock was Edwin John Heavingham, aged 21, who pleaded guilty to one charge of looting and one of stealing from the premises.

Mr A. L. Stevenson, for the prosecution, said the house was left furnished in May, 1940 and entrance was gained by pulling away a corrugated tin covering over the kitchen window and breaking the glass. The place was in general disorder and an attempt had been made to open a steel safe. When the police visited Wilson's billet they found some of the stolen property which he said he had brought with him from leave. In a statement made later he implicated Heavingham and when the latter was seen he immediately admitted his part.

Reckless Conduct.

Referring to other offences Wilson wished to be taken into consideration Mr. Stevenson said it was obvious that he was entering houses quite recklessly and laying his hands on anything he could. Heavingham played a very small part and apparently there was no premeditation in his case.

D/C Reid, Ramsgate Div., K.C.C., told the Recorder that Heavingham bore a good character apart from a charge of housebreaking in March, 1935. Wilson was born at Dewsbury, Yorkshire. In 1935 he was bound over at Dewsbury juvenile court for twelve months for the theft of a home safe and cash and in 1937, at the same court, was committed to an approved school for stealing money. Released in March, 1940, he obtained various jobs but was considered a bad worker. In February, 1941, at Dewsbury, he was bound over for two years for stealing a motor car and at West Riding Quarter Sessions in the following April was sentenced to three years Borstal treatment for shop-breaking and larceny. He was released on licence in April, 1942, and obtained employment for short periods in mills. Convicted for larceny in July, 1942 he was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment and his licence revoked. He was again released from Borstal last November and joined the Army in December.

Outstanding Charges.

Outstanding charges Wilson wished to be taken into consideration were breaking and entering with intent 47, 87, 89 and 43 South Eastern-road and one of breaking and entering 26 South Eastern-road and stealing two candles.

As stated Wilson was sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour. In the case of Heavingham the Recorder said his first instinct was to send the defendant to Borstal but he had decided to bind him over for twelve months.

At the same hearing Gnr. Arthur Randall, aged 30, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour when he pleaded guilty to looting at 56, Ellington-road, Ramsgate, between 4th and 10th August, breaking and entering the premises and stealing articles valued at £1 17s., the property of Alice Mary Benn.

Mr. Stevenson said the house was left furnished and in August this year a neighbour found that it had been broken into and informed the police. The following day the police found a candlestick in defendant's billet. All the other missing property was found under the floor boards of a bathroom at defendant's billet and he made a statement admitting the theft.

D/C Reid stated that Randall, a married man with two children, had three previous convictions. At Willesden in 1937 he was sentenced to two months' imprisonment as a suspected person.

The Recorder said Randall had had his chances and the offence he had committed was a very serious one, particularly in that area. He would go to prison for twelve months with hard labour on each of the two counts, the sentences to run concurrently.

JONES—HARRISON

SAILOR'S W.A.A.F. BRIDE

A sailor and a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force were married at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Saturday.

The bride was Miss Jessie Mabel Harrison, daughter of Mrs. A. Harrison, of 30 Albert-street, Ramsgate, and the bridegroom Smn. Gwilym Jones, Royal Navy, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, of Criccieth, North Wales.

The bride, who wore a dress of white satin and carried a prayer book, was given away by Mr. T. Williams. The bridesmaids, the Misses Doris Harrison, Gwen Toal and Gwennie Bishop, who wore pink and blue dresses, carried bouquets of carnations.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Bennett), and Mr. Norman Gueran was best man.

Mr. E. Yeo presided at the organ, the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us" and "O perfect love" were sung, and the chimes rang out as the happy couple left the church.

The honeymoon will be spent in North Wales when Mr. and Mrs. Jones have their next leave.

TEACHERS' NOMINEE

At a general meeting of Ramsgate Teachers' Association at St. George's Schools on Friday, Miss F. Armstrong, headmistress of St. George's, was chosen as the organisation's nominee to serve as a co-opted member on Ramsgate Education Committee.

Miss Armstrong was selected by ballot, those members now at Stafford voting by post.

Mr. W. A. Davies, headmaster of Hereson Boys' School, who has represented the teachers on the Education Committee for the past six years, congratulated Miss Armstrong and she briefly thanked the members for their confidence.

From the chair Mr. J. Westwood, the ex-president, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Davies for his past services.

Mr. W. E. Copping, hon. treasurer, explained the executive's attitude to extraneous duties, and reviewed the achievements of the National Union of Teachers over a number of years.

A strong appeal for support was made by the secretary of the Benevolent and Orphan Fund and a report on the position of the Teachers' Provident Society was received from the secretary, Miss G. McMillan.

THANET'S SPECIAL CLAIMS

CAPT. BALFOUR AND POST WAR PROBLEMS

Thanet's special claims to assistance after the war were dealt with by Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for Air, when he addressed a meeting called by Margate Chamber of Commerce at Margate Town Hall on Saturday.

Capt. Balfour said that while it would be impossible for the Government to compensate everyone for war losses, he thought a case for special treatment for Thanet could be made out within the framework of the principles laid down by Parliament.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. W. Scarlett, chairman of Margate Chamber of Commerce, and there were present representatives of the Chambers of the Thanet towns, the Mayor of Margate (Alderman F. J. Cornford), the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), the Deputy Chairman of Broadstairs Council (Councillor G. W. Lane), members of the Councils of the three towns, the Town Clerk of Margate (Mr. P. T. Grove), the Town Clerk of Ramsgate (Mr. H. G. Curtis), the Clerk to Broadstairs Council (Mr. E. F. Owen) and other local government officers.

Emphasising that nothing should deter them from carrying out the war effort 100 per cent., Capt. Balfour said that was their first and main task.

He had been in touch, said Capt. Balfour, with the late Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, and the Ministries of Labour, Health and Works and Planning concerning post-war problems as they would affect Thanet. They would have to come to weighty decisions on many points. All these decisions could not be taken now by the Government because they did not know what kind of structure would be left after the war. Neither did they know the form that the end of the war would take. His personal view was that it would not be as in 1918 when a gun was fired and everything ceased. This time it was going to be a much grimmer task. Fighting would cease first in one theatre of war and then in another—perhaps first in Europe and then in the Far East. There might be a need for large forces to continue in Europe, policing the countries, to prevent the forces of revolt from expressing themselves in further bloodshed.

Preparing a Way.

Although the Government could not come to any decisions a way could be prepared. So far as local problems were concerned he thought they could only get a settlement within the boundaries of certain principles laid down by Parliament. One would like to get individual settlements for particular districts.

The Government had laid down certain broad principles and one was that they could not compensate everyone for war losses. The impact of war hit every single citizen in some way or another. Everyone could prove a claim due either directly or indirectly to the war. There would not be enough money in the country to meet all claims that might be made, even if the losses could be assessed, which he very much doubted. Material compensation for loss of property was governed by certain Acts of Parliament. Many of the problems which had arisen in Thanet were shared with others in different parts of the country in greater or lesser degree. They must be decided on a national basis.

Their task and his task, said Capt. Balfour, was to get special treatment for Thanet people within the principles that Parliament had laid down. That was the task to which he had been applying himself and he thought a strong case could be made out for special consideration. It was a task to which the local authorities and the chambers of commerce should apply themselves.

Livelihood Taken Away.

If they accepted that method, with unity as strength, what was their special case? It rested on the difference existing between an area where a lot of individuals might be differently affected to a lesser or greater degree as compared with an area where everyone had been drastically affected to the maximum degree. They had a contiguous group of people in one area whose livelihood had been taken away by the impact of war and who could not, as in other areas, find alternative work. They had only been able to carry on, so to speak, by taking in each other's washing. That constituted a special case within the national principles laid down.

Thanet, continued Capt. Balfour, had two problems to face. The hotel, catering and boarding house industry had to be restored. It was his absolute and firm belief that the restoration of the holiday industry was of much weightier significance than might be supposed. They were going to finish the war with people exhausted physically and with frayed nerves. People were going all out and it was a matter of national importance to give them a measure of relaxation and rest at the earliest possible moment.

Reasonable Compromise.

The problems to be faced were the accumulation of debts, assistance in re-starting businesses and restoring local civic administration. With respect to the first he thought the Courts Emergency Powers Act and the War-Time Adjustment Act would have to be continued for a period after hostilities had ceased. In most cases a reasonable compromise could be come to between the parties. The difficulty would be when one of the parties was unreasonable. He had already made representations to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in relation to the accumulation of debts. He thought that broadly speaking the central government representatives had tried their best to act in a reasonable manner. Certain directions were given to local government officials in relation to the treatment of hard cases and those officers had interpreted their instructions sympathetically. The problem must be tackled with a view to a settlement for it was no good trying to rehabilitate a person with an enormous load of debt round his neck. If this were not done it would largely nullify any grants which were made. How that was going to be done Parliament would have to decide.

It might be by a form of writing-off or funding.

Improved Standards.

So far as the local authorities were concerned he felt the Ministry of Health grants would have to be carried on for some time for they were only given after all available balances had been used up. For the local authorities to be saddled with a big burden of debt after the war would have the same effect as it would on the individual. On that point also he had made special representations to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

So far as the individual was concerned he felt there should be some system of grants to bring devastated premises up to the 1939 standard. But what was accepted as a reasonable standard in 1939 would not be considered a reasonable standard for 1945 or 1946. They had taken more to bathrooms, which was a very good thing. There were now more baths per house and there were changes in requirements as to overcrowding. Things were going to be different after the war from what they were before.

They had therefore got to get some form of grant for rehabilitation up to the 1939 standard but they had got to go beyond that to attain the 1945-46 standard. He did not consider that burden could be put upon the taxpayer. They claimed that providing holidays was an industry in Thanet and if they claimed the privileges of an industry they must compare themselves with other industries.

Unfair to Taxpayer.

It would be unfair to the general taxpayer to expect him to re-equip industries with the modern plant and machinery which had been devised since the war. That was a task for industry itself. They had got to restore industry to the state it was before the war. For the rest he thought they had got to assist by some form of loan repayable over a period. It would have to be a charge upon the industry repayable to some future time. The Association of Health and Pleasure Resorts had suggested that there should be some form of loan administered through the local authorities. No one could expect money to be spent so lavishly after the war as it was during the war without proper supervision. He did not subscribe to the view that after the war money would be a meaningless symbol.

Finance alone would not solve their problem after the war for there would be the question of the availability of labour and materials. In this respect he had registered their priority with the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Works and Planning. Those ministries had expressed sympathy with his views and had stated that the claims of such areas as Thanet would rank very high.

Grand Work.

The local authorities, said Capt. Balfour, were already doing grand work. The period of transition after the war was going to be a very difficult one. They would have to have a united purpose and work selflessly together. They would not get all they wanted immediately. They must look at the picture from a national point of view as well as from a local point of view. In this respect the chambers of commerce were doing good work and he was keeping in close touch with them.

After the war they must try to avoid differences between various sections of the community and to avoid great upheavals. There was a temptation to such upheavals when people were released from war strain. At the present time they were seeing a number of strikes. Every strike which took place was harmful to the war effort. He deplored them as much as anyone but it was absurd to say that many of those who did strike were not quite good fellows. The men were frequently misguided and misled. They must stop strikes, restore law and order, and find out the cause of the trouble. Those in authority, whatever their political complexion, must be sympathetic about the matter. They must be firm and allow no subversive elements but find out what was "biting" the men. He believed that approach would have to be continued in peace-time.

Thanks to Capt. Balfour were expressed by the Mayors of Margate and Ramsgate and the Deputy Chairman of Broadstairs Council.

A long discussion followed, in which a number of speakers took part.

Concluding the meeting, the chairman said they must plan a short-term policy and a long-term policy. There was no equality of sacrifice in this or any war but they must endeavour to arrive at a ratio of sacrifice.

COAST TOWNS CONFER

FAIR DEAL DEMANDED

A "fair deal" for the east and south coast resorts was demanded at a conference arranged by Chambers of Commerce from the areas meeting in London last week.

Ramsgate was represented by Alderman J. J. White and Mr. H. L. Summers, secretary of the Ramsgate Chamber, and Margate by Mr. J. W. Scarlett, chairman of the Margate Chamber, Alderman W. C. Redman and Councillor C. B. Hosking.

It was contended that coastal evacuation areas had not been given a really fair deal by the Government. They were closed to visitors in the interests of the defence of the nation, their business being taken away, and it was contended that the responsibility for making them fit to resume business rested with the nation. The important problem was how the resorts could be placed on their feet again in the shortest possible time.

A committee was appointed to consider further action, Mr. Scarlett being elected to represent Margate Chamber.

DEFENCE (FIRE GUARD) REGULATIONS, 1943

Registration for Fire Guard Duties under the Fire Guard (Local Authority Services) Order, 1943

Requirement to make notification between September 20th, 1943, and October 11th, 1943, of liability to register and to register thereafter.

Notice to Men born on or between September 22nd, 1880, and September 21st, 1925, and to Women born on or between September 22nd, 1898, and September 21st, 1923.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Councils of the Borough of Ramsgate and the Urban District of Broadstairs and St. Peter's that all persons belonging to the classes specified in paragraph 2 below who, on September 20th, 1943, are resident in the Borough of Ramsgate or the Urban District of Broadstairs and St. Peter's, are required to notify in writing (see par. 4 below) to the Fire Guard Officer of the District in which they reside that they are liable to be registered under the Fire Guard (Local Authority Services) Order, 1943, and thereafter to apply in the manner specified in paragraphs 5-7 below to be registered under that Order.

2. The persons required to make notification and to register under the present notice are:

(a) All male persons who on September 20th, 1943, were not less than 18 but under 63 years of age and are British subjects or aliens of a class described in paragraph 3 below;

(b) All female persons who on the aforesaid date were not less than 20 but under 45 years of age and are British subjects or aliens of a class described in paragraph 3 below.

EXCEPT:

(i) Persons who have already been registered by the Councils of the Borough of Ramsgate or the Urban District of Broadstairs and St. Peter's under the Civil Defence Duties (Compulsory Enrolment) Orders;

(ii) Persons who are exempted from registration by reason of belonging to a class specified in the Schedule annexed hereto;

(iii) Any person who is exempted from registration on the ground that he is entitled to immunities and privileges as an envoy of a foreign power accredited to His Majesty, or as a member of the retinue of such an envoy, or as a person to whom those immunities and privileges are extended under Section 1 or Section 2 of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1941;

(iv) Any alien who is recognised by His Majesty as being a consul-general, consul, vice-consul, or consular agent of any foreign power accredited to His Majesty.

3. The aliens referred to in paragraph 2 above are aliens who:

(a) are registered under the Aliens Order, 1920, as subsequently amended, as Nationals of Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Cuba, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Iran, The Netherlands, Nicaragua, Poland, Salvador, Switzerland, Turkey, The United States of America, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, or as stateless persons, or as enemy aliens, or who are British protected persons; and

(b) are for the time being exempted from Article 1 of the Aliens (Movement Restriction) Order, 1940, as subsequently amended, or are partly or conditionally exempted therefrom in such a manner as will enable them adequately to perform fire guard duties.

4. The form which may be used for notification of liability to register may be obtained

(a) **by persons residing in the Borough of Ramsgate**: at the Fire Guard Office, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, at any time between the hours of 9.15 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2.15 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 2.15 p.m. and 5 p.m. on other weekdays, and between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

(b) **by persons residing in the Urban District of Broadstairs and St. Peter's**: at the Fire Guard Office, 108, High-street, Broadstairs, at any time between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2.15 p.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays except Saturdays, and between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

The form must be completed and returned to the Fire Guard Office from which it was obtained on or before October 11th, 1943.

5. The application for registration is required to be made in writing on a form which will be sent by post to persons who make notification of liability to register.

6. On the registration form the applicant is required to state:

(a) names in full;

(b) **in the case of a woman**, whether married, single or a widow;

(c) home address;

(d) age;

(e) sex;

(f) date of birth;

(g) national registration identity number;

(h) occupation;

(i) name and address of employer (if any);

(j) whether or not he or she proposes to apply for or claims to be entitled to exemption from or a reduction in the period of duties, the grounds of the application or claim (if any) and the name and address of some body or person by whom any such claim can be verified.

In the case of an alien:

(k) nationality;

(l) the number of the aliens' registration certificate.

7. The application to register must be completed by all persons who have notified their liability to register and must be returned by post to the Fire Guard Officer for the district in which the applicant resides within seven days of the date of receipt.

Dated October 1st, 1943.

H. G. CURTIS
Town Clerk, Ramsgate.

E. F. OWEN
Clerk of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District Council.

SCHEDULE

Persons exempted from Registration

1. Any member of the armed forces of the Crown (including a member of the Women's Royal Naval Service, the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, the Home Guard or the Auxiliary Coastguard, but not including any person who has not been called out for, or has been released from, actual service).

2. Any member of the naval, military or air forces of any foreign Power engaged, in alliance with His Majesty, in any war in which His Majesty is also engaged.

3. Any member of the Royal Observer Corps.

4. Any whole-time member of the National Fire Service.

5. Any person who is—

(a) a member of a police force within the meaning of section 30 of the Police Pensions Act, 1921, or a joint Police Force established under the Defence (Amalgamation of Police Forces) Regulations, 1942; or

(b) a member of the police war reserve; or

(c) a special constable appointed under any of the provisions of the Special Constables Act, 1831, as amended by the Special Constables Acts, 1914 and 1923, or appointed under section 196 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882;

(d) a special constable appointed under the provisions of the Special Constables (Scotland) Act, 1892 to 1923, as amended by Regulation 40AB of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, or under the corresponding provisions of any local Act;

(e) a special constable appointed under section 3 of the Special Constables Act, 1923, as extended by Regulation 40AA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; or

(f) a member of the women's auxiliary police corps.

6. Any pilot holding licence issued under the Pilotage Act, 1913, or a deep sea certificate granted by a pilotage authority authorised by a Pilotage Order to grant such certificates.

7. Any duly qualified medical practitioner.

8. Any master or member of the crew of a ship engaged in sea-going service.

9. Any person who—

(a) is the subject of an order or inquisition under the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890 to 1920; or

(b) is being detained in pursuance of section 25 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, or as a criminal lunatic, or in pursuance of an order made under the Criminal Lunatics Act, 1884; or

(c) is undergoing treatment as a temporary patient under section 5 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1930; or

(d) is a person placed in an institution or a certified house or under guardianship under section 3 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, or is the subject of an order under section 6, 8 or 9 of that Act, or is under supervision provided under paragraph (b) of section 30 of that Act, or is an inmate of a home approved under section 50 of that Act, or is the subject of a notification under subsection (2) of section 51 of that Act; or

(e) is the subject of an order or warrant for his detention or custody under the Lunacy (Scotland) Acts, 1857 to 1919, or is being entertained and kept in an asylum in pursuance of section 15 of the Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1866, as read with section 59 of the Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1913, or is a person for whose safe custody during His Majesty's pleasure His Majesty is authorised to give order or is a person for whom the Secretary of State or the Prisons Department for Scotland has, in pursuance of any Act, directed to be removed to a criminal Lunatic Asylum or to the criminal lunatic department of Perth prison or to an asylum or is a person placed in an institution or certified house or under guardianship under section 4 of the Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1913, or is the subject of an order under section 7, 9 or 10 of that Act.

10. Any person certified by a local authority, as defined by the Blind Persons Act, 1920 and 1938, to be registered as a blind person under arrangements made by the authority under those Acts.

11. Any deaf and dumb person.

12. Any person of any such class as may be prescribed.

NOTES

Note 1.—At any time after registration a person is liable to be served with an enrolment notice by the local authority stating that he or she has been enrolled for the performance of fire guard duties.

Note 2.—Certain classes of registered persons are entitled to or may apply for exemption from duties or a reduction in the period of duties. Particulars can be obtained at the time of registration or thereafter on application to the Town Clerk.

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BIRTHS

Reid.—2nd October, at Kench Hill Nursing Home, Tenterden, to Leonard and Molly Reid (née Chapman) was born a son (Andrew Richard).

MARRIAGES

Jones—Harrison.—9th October, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. G. Bennett, Gwilym Jones, of Criccieth, North Wales, to Jessie Mabel, younger daughter of Mrs. A. Harrison, of Ramsgate.

Redwood—Lilley.—5th October, at Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. A. H. Culmer, Cpl. Eric Stanley Redwood, R.A.F., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Redwood, of 30 Bellevue-road, to Sybil Blanche Lilley, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lilley, of 2 Shaftesbury-street.

DEATHS

Preston.—1st October, Ernest Lawrence Preston, only son of the late Samuel and Marie Preston. Interred at Woodlands, Dorset.

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. S. D. Williams and family wish to thank all friends in Ramsgate for letters of kind sympathy in their bereavement and also for floral tributes.—63 First-avenue, Trecenydd, Caerphilly, S. Wales.

IN MEMORIAM

Shooter.—In loving memory of our dear grandad, Samuel Shooter, on our anniversary; 10th February, 1942.—So many memories. Janice.

Weeks.—In everlasting memory of my dear husband, Robert Weeks, who passed on, on 8th October, 1929, at Homeleigh, King Edward-avenue, Broadstairs.—Never forgotten.

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